(c) the criteria adopted for setting up of such Zones;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open new SEZs in Punjab in near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) There is no proposal for the Central Government to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate establishment of SEZs in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. Accordingly, approval has been given for setting up of 3 Special Economic Zones in Punjab on the basis of proposals received from the State Government/Private Sector, as per the details given below:

Location	Name of the developer
Amritsar	Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.
Mohali	M/s. Quarkcity India Pvt. Ltd.
Mohali	M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.

The criteria for setting up of Special Economic Zones prescribed in the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 include minimum area, generation of additional economic activity, promotion of exports, promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources, creation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities.

Industries set up in Uttaranchal

905. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and minor Industries that have been set up in Uttaranchal in the last three years, year-wise and district-wise to help the poor people to come above the poverty line; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to extend financial assistance in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) District-wise details of the number of industries set up in the State of Uttaranchal since 2003-04 as per information received from the Government of Uttaranchal is at enclosed Statement (See below). Field units have generated employment opportunities to the advantage of the poor and the unemployed.

(b) In order to encourage industrialisation in the State of Uttaranchal, the Government of India has introduced a special package for the State of Uttaranchal which *inter-alia* provides for Central Excise exemption, Income Tax exemption and Central Capital Investment Subsidy for the new units and also to the existing units on their substantial expansion.

Statement

District-wise details of industries set up in the State of Uttaranchal since 2003-04

Name of district	2003-04 No. of units	2004-05 No.of units	2005-06 (Upto Jan. 2006) No. of units
Nanital	174	213	205
Udham Singh Nagar	255	308	214
Almora	275	240	186
Bageshwar	50	75	36
Pithoragarh	116	192	122
Champawat	51	76	67
Dehradun	315	355	195
Pauri	250	280	206
Tehri	215	237	206
Chamoli	180	180	136
Uttarkashi	155	181	106
Radraprayag	65	84	68
Haridwar	380	410	352
TOTAL	2481	2831	2099